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Office Action Summary

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AHN ET AL.

Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 February 2010.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 10-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 10-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/22)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 8-06; 7-08; 9-08
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of a first additive being a biphenyl and a second additive being cyclohexylbenzene in the reply filed on 2-11-2010 is acknowledged.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. Claims 10-17, 18-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 10 and 18 are rejected because it is unclear what is "an electrolyte compound" because an electrolyte compound normally refers to the lithium salt but a lithium salt is already cited in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 10-17, 18-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)/(e) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Watanabe et al. (WO 02/31904/US 2003/0118912).

Watanabe et al. teaches on page 2, [0016] and [0018], an electrolyte comprising 0.01-1.0 wt% of a biphenyl and 1.0-5.0 wt% of a cyclohexylbenzene. Watanabe et al. teaches on page 2, [0022], that the positive electrode comprise a material containing a lithium-containing metal oxide and the negative electrode comprise graphite. Watanabe et al. teaches on pages 4-5, Examples 1 and 2, a battery comprising a positive electrode comprising LiCoO₂, a negative electrode comprising graphite, a separator and an electrolyte solution comprising 1 mol/liter of LiPF₆ in a mixed solvent comprising EC and EMC and 0.2 wt% of biphenyl and 2 wt% of cyclohexylbenzene. Watanabe et al. teaches on page 4, [0045], that the separator is an insulating microporous thin film.

Since Watanabe et al. teaches the same first additive compound, a biphenyl and a second additive compound, cyclohexylbenzene then inherently the same first additive compound having an oxidation initiation potential of more than 4.2V or 4.2-5.3 V or 4.5-4.9 V and a second additive compound with an oxidation initiation voltage of more than

4.2 V or 4.2-5.3 V or 4.5-4.9 V which is higher in oxidation initiation potential than the first additive, and deposits oxidative products or forms a polymer film in oxidation must also be obtained.

In addition, the presently claimed property of first additive compound having an oxidation initiation potential of more than 4.2V and a second additive compound with an oxidation initiation voltage of more than 4.2 V which is higher in oxidation initiation potential than the first additive, and deposits oxidative products or forms a polymer film in oxidation would have obviously have been present once the Watanabe et al. product is provided. *In re Best*, 195 USPQ 433 (CCPA 1977).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to /Laura S. Weiner/ whose telephone number is 571-272-1294. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (6:30-4:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patrick Ryan can be reached on 571-272-1292. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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